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Certain lots of Goods in Jan. and Feb. I shall offer THEM WITHOUT REGARD TO COST. Don't fail to look at them. These may be the very goods you want. The fact is many persons miss DECIDED BARGAINS by not calling at my Store.

My Stock Must Be Sold

(In order to make room for Spring purchases) and therefore in January and February, 1873, those who honor me by visiting my Store, may reap very decided benefits.

ONE THING IS CERTAIN,

you risk nothing, and are sure not to lose by doing so. No house can undersell me. You can always feel confident of getting the best general Stock to select from, and at prices low as the lowest, and in the Old Lots and Jobs, you are sure to get GOODS BELOW THEIR COST, some even at HALF their value.

Reader, try my House this Year, my customers prosper. If you don't believe it, TRY ME. Money saved is money made. Time saved helps to save money. You save time by finding the goods needed.

Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year,

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favor can be satisfied through obedience to its precepts; and the love of God which permeates all understanding will take up its abode in it, and on the souls to its immortal home.

The foundation on which this beautiful philosophy rests, is in the given spiritual manifestations, as given through mediums at various periods, in the past, and in the phenomena as developed at the present time. These manifestations are all significant, and are appearing wherever the conditions are such as to admit of them; all people in every part of the civilized world. The evidence, through them, of the "life beyond," of the immortality of the soul, of the glories of the hereafter to those who steadfastly walk in the paths of truth and love, is conclusive to our mind; and we must believe them to be true under the lights in which we now view them, until it can be proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, that they are false.

We can cite many instances, irresistible in the force of evidence, proving that they are true—proof as strong as human testimony can make any fact before a tribunal of Justice. It is reasonable to suppose that the thousands of enlightened people, living in every part of the civilized world, who have investigated this spiritual phenomena, should all have been deceived; that they should have been so encouraged, given them to pursue their investigations; that the revelations made to them through various mediums should have been only a series of impostures successfully practiced? We think assuredly not; and that the most incredulous man would, at least admit, there must be something in it.

We have before us a book written by the Hon. Robert Dale Owen; a man distinguished alike for his talents and his attainments; from this book (The Debatable Land) we make a few extracts and leave the subject with the reader:

"A judicious man of science, experimenting in his laboratory, seeks, before giving to the world the result of an important experiment, to repeat that experiment more than once; and he is not satisfied until he has obtained a result which is a fair and reliable observer may readily misinterpret, when his observation is limited to a single example."

"Among the superstitious a belief has sometimes prevailed that the dead may be recalled by mystic and unlawful rites, as Samuel by the so-called 'witch of Endor.' But such a supposition is a mere fancy, and in modern times, all that there is of truth underlying it consists of this, that, under favorable conditions, of rare and difficult combinations, we may occasionally obtain apparitions; and may even be favored so as to witness these again and again; not during weeks or months only but throughout years."

"I am fortunate enough to be able to lay before the reader one of the most remarkable—perhaps the most remarkable—example of this that has ever occurred; or, at least, that is to be found on record; with permission, from the witness, to give his name in attestation. It is a name well known in the commercial and social circles of New York,—Mr. C. F. Livermore."

This gentleman, eleven years ago, lost a near and dear relative; let us call her Estelle. On her death-bed, perceiving the poignant grief that overwhelmed her relative at the prospect of his approaching loss, she earnestly expressed the desire that it might be possible for her, after death, still to assure him of her continued existence."

"He attached little importance to this except as evidence of her affection, having himself, up to that time, found no proof satisfactory to his reason touching a Hereafter."

Neither he nor Estelle had any faith whatever in spiritual phenomena; and both had been wont to regard the whole subject with repugnance.

(Give, what Mr. Owen terms, THE CRUCIAL TEST; as copied from the record of Mr. Livermore. In a letter to Mr. Owen, dated July 23, 1861, Mr. Owen writes: 'You may rely on these records as being free from exaggeration, in each and every particular.'")

"Session No. 43.—April 18, 1861.—Wind south-west, weather fair.—Having absolutely secured doors and windows, we sat in perfect quiet for half an hour, my faith becoming waver. Then we were startled by a tremendous rap on the heavy mahogany entrance table which, at the same time, rattled and fell. The door was violently shaken, the windows opened and shut; in fact, everything movable in the room seemed in motion. Questions were answered by loud knocks on the doors, on the glass of the windows on the ceiling—everywhere."

"Then an illuminated substance like gauze rose from the floor behind us, moved about the room and finally disappeared. At the same time, various electrical sounds were heard. The gauze-like substance assumed the form of a human head covered, the covering drawn close around the neck. It touched me, then receded and again approached. I recognized an oblong substance, concave on the side that was presented to us, and in this cavity the light was brilliant. Into this light I looked intently, for a few moments, and then, as the light faded, I again approached. Again it receded and again approached; this time I perceived an eye. A third time it moved backward, accompanied by electrical sounds, and when, a third time, it came close to me the light had brightened, the gauze had changed in form; a female hand grasped it, concealing the lower part of a face; but the upper part was revealed; it was that of Estelle—eyes, forehead, and expression in perfection. The moment the emotion of recognition passed into my mind, it was acknowledged by a succession of quick raps from all parts of the room, as though an unseen audience expressed its applause."

"The figure reappeared several times, the recognition becoming each time more perfect. Afterward her head was laid upon mine, the hair falling over my face."

"Miss Fox, whose face I had secured during this time, and I sat about ten feet from the wall of the room which faced us. The light moved to a point about midway between us and the wall; the electrical

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